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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

HOPES OF A TURN OF THE TIDE.

"Second German Blow has Definitely Failed."

London, April 15.
While the crisis is not yet past the fact that the stone wall of France has successfully held the German onslaughts for forty-eight hours gives hopes of a turn of the tide. The Germans are still bringing up reserves and heavily concentrating between Arras and Albert. The roads are blocked with unending anti-like processions of men and guns, on which tons of bombs have been dropped. All correspondents testify to the magnificent tenacity of the Allies, some units of which have been continuously in action since March 21.

Mr. Percival Phillips says that the enemy can no longer hope to break through. The men are most cheerful. The scene on the battlefield is awesome. A pall of smoke overhangs forty miles of plain, covered with flaming villages. Shells are breaking on other villages like white-topped waves against the rocks and they are gradually crumbling. The atmosphere is heavy with the acid fumes of explosives. The thin lines of khaki, hardly visible through the smoke, are staked with flashes of innumerable guns.

Mr. Perry Robinson says that the enemy's attacks have lost their original momentum. They have suffered terribly from our guns. There may still be surprises but the second German blow has definitely failed. The original plan was to break the British army and smash a way to the coast. The attack was only to be shifted to another part in the event of failure, and therefore the attack on Arras itself is a confession of failure.

Successful French Withdrawal on Allette Line.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters, writing on April 10, says: "The recent tactical withdrawal upon the line of the Allette was a complete success. It was noteworthy for the gallantry of the troops covering. The difficult movement was effected without the loss of a single cannon or machine gun. The village of Berris lies in the middle angle of the territory which was evacuated. The dominating point was the hill crowned by the castle, Concy-le-Chateau, the finest European specimen of medieval military architecture. While the troops were retiring the defenders of this castle were ordered to hold on at all costs. Small parties of the enemy advanced into the gully leading to the height of Concy-le-Chateau; dense waves following. French machine gunners lined both sides of the gully, thirty-six guns firing continuously for forty-eight hours. During the 8th and 9th of April over a million rounds were fired. When the French retired the valley was grey with German corpses. A company commander was ordered to check German advances and pushed back the enemy for several hundred yards, pursuing until they were grenading at a range of three yards.

Enemy Claims.

London, April 15.
A German official wireless message states: "On the battlefield of the Lys we gained ground and penetrated an enemy position to south-west of Walverghem. We stormed and captured Nieuwkerke after a desperate struggle with English counter-attacking troops. We took possession of the height to the west of Nieuwkerke. Fighting took place with variable results near Bailloul. We captured Morris and Vieux Berquin. Enemy forces pushing forward toward the battlefield sustained heavy losses. An attack by several French battalions against Hainville sanguinarily collapsed. We took many prisoners. We carried out a successful thrust against the Americans to the north of Mibiel, inflicting heavy losses and bringing back prisoners. We have shot down thirty-seven enemy aeroplanes during the last few days.

The Enemy's Sole Aim.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington, says that the War Secretary's Weekly Review states: "The enemy is waging a battle to achieve victory. His sole aim to-day is the annihilation of the British Armies, thus terrain counts but little. If the enemy can master the driving power, he will continue the assaults. The probability of an enemy offensive in Italy as soon as the weather is more favourable is increasing.

Fresh Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

London, April 15.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a communique states: "There was severe fighting all day long yesterday around Neuve Eglise. After beating off numerous attacks we were finally compelled to withdraw a second time from the village. There were strong enemy attacks in the afternoon at a number of other points on the battlefield. There is fierce fighting north-west of Mervilleux and German infantry was driven back with great loss. Hostile infantry advancing along the northern bank of the Lys Canal was caught by artillery fire and was unable to develop the attack. No fewer than seven enemy attacks during the day in the Mervilleux sector were all repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

In one case the enemy advanced on assault of five waves. Under the weight of this attack our line bent back slightly, but a counter-attack completely restored the position. Parties of the enemy south-west of Bailloul temporarily penetrated our positions but were driven out and the line restored. There were successful minor operations during the night east of Habsay. We took 150 prisoners. Fighting occurred this morning in the neighbourhood of Bangard where we improved our position and took a number of prisoners. Hostile artillery is active in the neighbourhood of Batoucy.

Successful French Raids.

London, April 15.
A French communique states: "We took ten prisoners in a perfectly successful minor operation in the region of Hanzard where 150 prisoners have been taken since April 12. We made several raids between Montdidier and Moyon, south of Mont Teta and Champagne, and brought back prisoners. Enemy attempts north of Champagne-due Dames and south-east of Cortenay were unsuccessful.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

American Comment on Sinn Féin's Action.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at New York says that the New York Times, commenting on Count Plunkett's letter, says: "The Sinn Féiners chose to abstain from the Convention, ostensibly wanting the Republic grotesquely initiated under German auspices. It remains the fashion to belabour the English because the Irish cannot decide what sort of Government they want.

A Serious Government Position.

London, April 15.
The Daily News says a serious Government position developed during the week-end. The Labour Party opposed conscription in Ireland without Home Rule. The Labour Ministers are therefore considering the position. It is understood that Mr. Barnes is in complete disagreement on the question.

COUNT CZERNIN'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that a message from Vienna says the Emperor has accepted Count Czernin's resignation.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

Forecast of the Bill.

London, April 15.
The Daily Telegraph's Parliamentary correspondent, in a forecast on the Home Rule Bill, says the Irish House of Commons will be composed of 200 members, eighty of which are guaranteed Unionists. The Senate is to consist of sixty-four members representing different interests. Forty-two Irishmen are to sit in the House of Commons. The Irish Parliament will have full powers of internal legislation, administration, and direct taxation and other matters are to be decided after the war.

GREAT ZEPPELIN SHED DESTROYED.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Bern, says the great shed near Friedrichshafen, the original home of the Zeppelins, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night as the result of an explosion. The flames were visible throughout eastern Switzerland.

AMERICAN LABOUR LEADERS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, April 15.
A deputation of American Labour Leaders has arrived in London on a three weeks' visit to munition and other centres. Members, interviewed, said they had been deeply impressed with what they had already seen of Britain's gigantic effort.

GERMANY'S POLICY TOWARDS RUMANIA.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that in the Prussian Diet, the Food Controller, Herr Waldow, complained of the devastating effects of clandestine trading and the evading of regulations. He added that Rumania would be compelled to sell Germany her corn surplus for the next two years.

GLOOMY REPORTS REGARDING UKRAINE.

London, April 15.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, the correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung in Ukraine, sends the gloomiest account of the conditions. Shops and warehouses are empty and peasant stocks are depleted. The best seed and corn is used for feeding cattle and there is secret distilling. Peasants have destroyed farm machinery and slaughtered cattle. There is no agricultural labour available for the harvest.

DEATH OF A NOTABLE AMERICAN SENATOR.

London, April 15.
The death is announced of Senator William Joel Brown. Deceased was U.S. Senator for terms 1903-9, 1909-15, and 1915-21. He was Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

THE SUBMARINE BOMBARDMENT AT MONROVIA.

London, April 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Monrovia says the submarine bombardment, details of which were contained in a cable on April 13, was resumed on April 10. Adequate steps have been taken to protect the Liberians.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BIG BATTLE.

Good Work by Our Aviators.

London, April 14.
Sir Douglas Haig reports: "Our low fliers reconnoitred the battle front dropping 1,200 bombs on the enemy's troops on the roads leading to the front. A few aircraft took place with indecisive results. One of our machines is missing.

Reciprocal Bombardments on French Front.

London, April 14.
A French communique states: "There are reciprocal bombardments at several parts of the front but no infantry actions.

A German Report.

London, April 14.
A wireless German official message reports successful engagements between Nieuwkerke and Vieux Berquin.

The Rheinland Re-visited.

Stockholm, April 16.
The German battleship Rheinland is reported to have been refloated, but is badly damaged.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BIG BATTLE.

British Troops Defending with "Superb Courage and Tenacity."

London, April 14.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, writing on the evening of the 14th inst., states: "A bitter east wind is raging in Flanders. The visibility is very low and the situation is generally unchanged. The enemy continues to employ fresh troops. We likewise are steadily increasing our forces. Consequently the battle is more stationary although it is as intense as ever. Yesterday morning the Germans launched a heavy attack against the length of front they have been attacking continuously and unsuccessfully for the past two days, undoubtedly calculating that the British were worn out and that another smashing blow would finish us. But fresh reinforcements helping the defenders flung back the enemy masses with terrible losses. The methods of the enemy attacks make absolutely inevitable heavy losses. His formula of shock tactics consists in pushing forward a succession of dense waves at close intervals and as the front line is killed off others press on by the sheer weight of men behind. Frequently has the advance been checked by a barrier of piled up corpses. Our rearguard fighting has been most skilful and most valiant beyond words, while our machine gunners holding a series of little posts have poured bullets into the enemy until their ammunition has become exhausted. The main body has slowly fallen back upon prepared positions. Each backward step has been made perfectly methodically and by exacting the full price for what has been yielded. Never have troops fought with such superb courage and tenacity as ours are now displaying. They have got their backs to the wall indeed and Sir Douglas Haig's assurance of French support in great strength has vastly heartened them. The British have learned the value of the fighting qualities of the Poilu. The French are indeed magnificent. Their moral is conspicuously one of irresistible confidence. The enemy is apparently endeavouring to gain command of the line of communications between Bailloul and the North. He is fighting desperately with mechanical bravery and iron discipline. The enemy is apparently hoping to envelope the big forest of Denieppe by thrusting through Hazebrouck and from thence southward, but the latest intelligence shows that he is progressing very little in this direction. Our resistance at certain points along the line of advance is baffling his plan. After a fourth repulse at Neuve Eglise last night the enemy maintained his heavy pressure around the place gaining a little ground a few points east of the village. Heavy attacks south of Bailloul extending towards Mervilleux have continued since this morning. Yesterday morning the enemy attempted an advance on a thousand yard front south of Lys, but was smothered by artillery. Another advance from Oorville was likewise flung back, while there was an intense bombardment heralding enemy infantry between Wytschaete and Kemmel Ridge. When they came they were caught by a concentrated retaliatory barrage. Our withdrawal near Locon towards La Bassée Canal was to more favourable defensive positions. I judge the most critical period of the battle was on April 12. This was the stage when had the enemy pressed his advantage the consequences would have been serious. His failure to improve his opportunity was presumably because he could not. Since then there has been a steady improvement in the general position.

The latest news is very encouraging, almost cheering. Notwithstanding the continued efforts of the enemy the line is holding firm. Prisoners state that the losses were terrible and the hardships extreme. The formidable thrust is at present arrested. Every hour diminishes the enemy's prospect of success. His position tactically is not good and conditions might develop to render it distinctly bad.

The Struggle for Neuve Eglise.

London, April 14.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "After many hours obstinate fighting during the night and this morning about Neuve Eglise we remained in possession of the village. The attacks were pressed with great determination. The enemy's losses throughout have been heavy. The enemy to-day renewed his attempts against the village. Fighting continued. We repulsed this morning attacks in the neighbourhoods of Bailloul and Mervilleux. Our artillery dispersed infantry attempting to attack in the forenoon north-west of Mervilleux. Hostile artillery is more active in the neighbourhood of Albert.

SHANGHAI LAWYER KILLED AT THE FRONT.

Lieut.-Col. Sebastian.

I am with deep regret (says the N. O. Daily News of the 10th instant) that we have to record the death of Lieut.-Colonel R. B. Sebastian, M.C. A telegraphic communication states that he died of wounds in France on March 27.

Skinner Raymond Sebastian, who was about 32 years of age, was a son of Mr. L. W. Byrd Sebastian of 13, Nassau Street, Lincoln's Inn. He received his education at Winchester and at University College, Oxford. Called to the Bar in 1910, he came to China early in 1912 and was admitted to practice in H. M. Supreme Court for China, having joined the firm of Messrs. Platt, Macleod and Wilson. He went home in January, 1915, to offer his services to the Government, but during the short time he was in Shanghai he proved himself an able and sound lawyer.

Shortly after arriving home, Mr. Sebastian was granted a commission in the 3rd Battalion Hampshire Regiment, but in the same year, 1915, he went to the front attached to the 5th Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry. At the front he saw a full share of the fighting and for a short time during the battle of the Somme, when he was on the left of his division, he was acting Lieut.-Colonel of his regiment. It was in the new year of 1917 that he received the Military Cross. Some time in the summer of the same year he was made Lieut.-Colonel in command of the 5th Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry and during last winter was again mentioned in despatches.

Lieut.-Colonel Sebastian was a member of the Shanghai Country Club and Race Club. He leaves behind several brothers all of whom are fighting.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 15.
The silver market is reported to be steady.

THEATRE SEATS AUCTIONED.

Nearly \$5,000 Realised.

The auction sale conducted by Mr. H. P. White in the smoking room of the Hopkong Hotel this morning, by which seats in the dress circle of the Theatre Royal for the evening performance on St. George's Day were disposed of, was marked by exceptionally high prices and good humoured competition. There was not a large attendance, but those who gathered were determined that the funds of the day should benefit to as great an extent as possible. The auctioneer conducted the sale in his own inimitable style, and the proceedings were not only of financial benefit but quite enjoyable.

The first pair of seats offered started at \$100 and were taken as high as \$210 before they fell to the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, and this figure set a standard for the majority of the seats auctioned. Mr. W. G. Browell, bought the next two seats for \$240, but promptly gave them back to be put up again, when they were sold for \$200 to Mr. N. J. Stabb. Mr. Browell later bought two further seats for \$180 and again handed them back.

So many were the seats sold that it would too lengthy a list to give them in detail with their purchasers, but it should be stated that the highest price was paid by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who gave no less than \$550 for three seats after much spirited bidding. Mr. N. J. Stabb, coming second. It will thus be seen that the President and Vice-President of the Society headed the list. Just over eighty seats were sold altogether, and the total amount realised was \$7,800, which included \$600 paid for a copy of "The Poets in Camp," the collection of verses just issued by "E.W.H."

The names of the purchasers were:—The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. W. G. Browell, N. J. Stabb, A. R. Lowe, J. W. Graham, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, H. P. White, J. H. W. Armstrong, W. A. Dowley, A. H. Skelton, R. O. Potts, Henry Humphreys, D. Clarke, T. E. Pearce, O. Boswick, W. S. Brown, A. E. Griffin and G. W. Wilson.

No Infected Rats.

The number of rats caught and examined during the week ending the 7th instant was 2,181. The number during the subsequent week was 2,288. None was found to be infected.

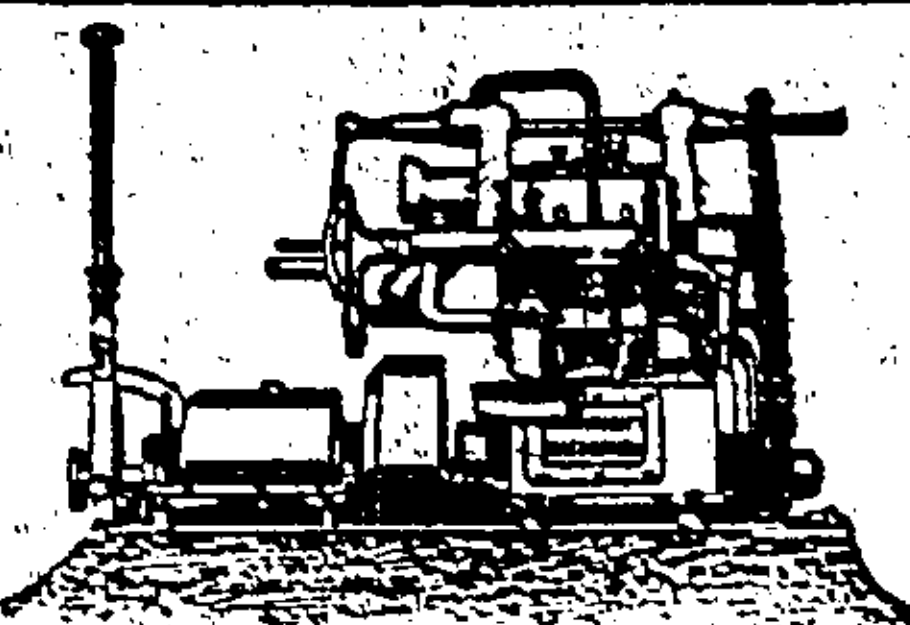
The Colony's Death Rate.
During the week ending March 24 the death rate of the Colony was 25.1 per thousand per annum, as against 19.1 for the same period last year. During the following week the rate was 19.5, against 19.4 a year ago.

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DEATH.

LAMMERT.—Killed in action on March 23, Second Lieutenant, B. D. Lammert, Gloucester Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Lammert, Hongkong. Aged 20 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1918.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S APPEAL.

In the special order which Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig addressed to his troops in France, there is no attempt to hide his anxiety regarding the position on the Western Front. Better than most Sir Douglas knows what the enemy's terrific and sustained onslaught means. He knows that above all it is the mustering of Germany's supreme power for a complete and decisive blow; and that in the effort the enemy may achieve his object. He knows, also, as he splendidly acknowledges, that if the onslaught had not been met with such stubborn and heroic resistance by our brave troops, ably assisted by their French and Portuguese comrades, even now the decisive blow might have been inflicted. For it cannot be doubted that the effort has been much more deadly than was at first anticipated, and that the masses of troops and the reckless manner in which they have been used has upset all reasonable calculations upon which the defensive was based. Owing to the utter collapse of Russia and the complete cessation of hostilities in the Balkans, the enemy has been able to bring to the Western Front such masses of men and, more serious still, has thought fit to use them with such terrible prodigality that only one thing could possibly save the situation.

It was the grim, brave and ably-conducted defence of our troops which saved the situation and prevented France from being wholly overrun by the enemy, who used every device and expedient to attain his object. No fewer than 166 enemy divisions have been battering against our comparatively small army ever since the offensive began. Their principal objective, it was soon clear, was to separate the British and French armies, to inflict such a heavy blow at the former as would enable him to obtain possession of the Channel ports and in crushing the latter first to take Amiens and, later, the French capital. None of these goals has been attained, and, as time passes, the likelihood of the enemy doing so becomes more and more remote.

But, as stated, Sir Douglas Haig's order makes it clear that the danger is by no means over. The new development in Flanders which is being conducted simultaneously with an equally powerful offensive in North France, is undoubtedly taxing the British defence on the Belgian coast to its utmost, and in France also our troops and those of our gallant allies, the French and the Portuguese, are likewise being hard pressed. It cannot be otherwise. The Germans have launched what can only be described as an avalanche of desperate troops against which it is practically impossible, meantime, to make an impression, or at least against which it seems only possible to effect a temporary check. As Sir Douglas Haig says, it is becoming more than ever apparent that "Victory belongs to the side holding out the longest." Every effort, of course, is being made to stem the enemy onslaught, and, on the whole, is being successfully made, but it is no easy task which now confronts our troops in having to cope simultaneously with two very powerful offensives. Happily, the enemy has failed to separate the British and French armies, and thus they are able to co-operate effectively. Much, it would appear, depends upon the assistance which it has been found necessary to call to our aid, and if the French, as seems probable, can send sufficient troops in time to Flanders, the latest attempt of the enemy to break through the British line, will certainly meet with a fate precisely the same as all the other—though less desperate—attempts have so far succeeded. It must be conceded that the mobility of the German armies is truly wonderful. It is the result, no doubt, of years of preparation for war on a gigantic scale, and, thus, of course, they are at a great advantage over those nations, whose views on war followed purely traditional lines. The ruthlessness and the brutality which has, however, all along characterized the conduct of the enemy has made it imperative that such warfare and all warfare must come to an end, and an era of true civilization, peace and harmony prevail. That is what we are striving for and that is why we must be victorious in this terrible struggle. Sir Douglas Haig has once more given his brave armies an inspiring call to victory, and that they will respond no one need doubt.

Hongkong Shippers and the Future.

In the speeches delivered at the dinner given by the Pacific Mail Company at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday evening there was much of interest to local shippers and merchants and it was fully demonstrated that the commercial men of Hongkong are fully alive to all the problems of the moment and those that will face them when the palmy days of peace are with us again. The commercial ideas which should prevail after the war were detailed by Mr. Ritter of the China Mail Steamship Company in admirable manner, and the Hon. Mr. Landale referred to the same subject, asking if universal free trade would not go a long way towards the realization of those ideals of harmony and co-operation which should unite the Allies in commerce just as much as they are now united in the force of arms. There has never been any two opinions as to the desirability of unrestricted trading so long as it is generally practised, and it would be a good set-off to the tariff which the Allies decided upon the abolition of their tariff walls as regards each other. The free trade policy of the United Kingdom has been justly criticised when it co-existed with protection every other country protected, but if the tariffs of other countries were removed and trade no longer impeded by such false barriers the free nature of British ports would greatly assist their prosperity. Mr. Landale, to our mind, put forward the right idea, but it needs the additional assertion that so far as German goods are concerned there certainly will be restrictions, and heavy ones too. To allow the German trader to again swamp the markets of the world with the aid of a pernicious credit system would be to play into the hands of the nation that has proved itself unscrupulous and not fit to be associated with.

A Thoroughly Merited Tribute.

The tribute that the Hon. Mr. Landale paid to the bravery of our merchant seamen, when speaking at the dinner held in the Hongkong Hotel on Friday evening, was one that was not only deserved but also heartily echoed by all present. The weekly announcements of the depredations caused by enemy submarines spells hardships and loss of life for those that go down to the sea in ships, and if all the stories of heroism that have been enacted on the high seas since the inhuman policy of unrestricted submarine warfare was inaugurated could be told, the collection would be an epic of valour that has no rival. In practically every instance where a shipwrecked crew has been landed there has been an instant desire to get a fresh ship, and, as Mr. Landale pointed out, there has never been any necessity to apply compulsion to these men. It has been announced that the toll of life among merchant seamen is relatively much greater than among the men who are in the trenches of Flanders and France, but this is no deterrent to the men who realize that the very existence of the nation depends upon its ocean-borne supplies. Germany has striven hard to weaken the morale of British mariners. Her submarine crews have performed inhuman acts, not only sinking vessels on which women and children were travelling but firing on helpless men struggling in the water or tossing in boats. The British seamen have a long account to settle with his German enemy, but every fresh act of inhumanity only serves to determine him all the more that the end sought will never be achieved. We in Hongkong owe much to seamen, and it is fitting that when opportunity offers we should express our gratitude.

Death of Lieut. A. H. Best.

News has been received of the death of 2nd Lieut. Arthur Harris Best, Royal Field Artillery, Lieut. Best was 20 years of age and was a Catholic schoolboy, he was in England finishing his schooling at the outbreak of war, then began to study for the medical profession at Tunbridge Wells. He volunteered for active service two years ago. He was the son of Captain A. H. Best of the Licensed Pilot Co., Ltd., Shanghai.

DAY BY DAY.

LET THE WIND DO YOUR SIGHING AND THE CLOUDS WEEP YOUR TEARS. LIFE IS SHORT AND SMILES ARE FOR US.

To-day's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the death of Benjamin Franklin, died in 1790; born 1706.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$3 1/4.

The Colony's Health.

For the week ending April 13, one non-fatal case of diphtheria (Chinese) was notified, one non-fatal case of small pox (Chinese) and four cases of enteric fever, (two British, one Japanese and the rest Chinese). There was one death. During the week 74 cases of spotted fever were notified, 47 being from the City of Victoria and 27 from other districts. There were 67 deaths. All the sufferers were Chinese.

Madame Fairall's Raffle.

In aid of the funds being raised to mark "St. George's Day," a raffle for a very attractively dressed doll and chair is being held by Madame Fairall, at her shop in Pedder Street. The large doll is most handsomely dressed in the style of the Early Victorian Period the design of the chair being of the same period. The price of the tickets are only \$1 each, but it is hoped that quite a large sum will be realised as a result of this effort.

Who Owned the Pig?

Before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese woman was charged with being in unlawful possession of the carcass of a pig, valued at \$18. An Indian constable said he saw the defendant and a man carrying a basket containing the carcass in Pokfulam Road early this morning. When he called out to them to stop, they ran away. He chased and managed to arrest the defendant. The man escaped. Defendant said she was merely engaged in carrying the carcass for the man who ran away. Mr. Wood discharged her.

A Serious Charge.

Two Chinese, Harry Shing and William Ming, members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court to-day, with establishing a wireless installation at Des Voeux Road without first obtaining a permit from H.E. the Governor. Mr. E. Davidson, defending, asked for a formal remand for a week. Mr. King, S.P., said he had no objection as he thought the case would develop into a proof that it was only a student's wireless installation for conducting experiments. The case was remanded until next week, bail being fixed at \$1,000 each.

The Tombola.

The community has generously responded to the call for gifts for the St. George's Day Tombola, some very valuable gifts having been contributed. It is hoped that the public will be equally generous in their support in buying Spills. Among the presents received are the following:—Diamond dragon fly brooch, large diamond bar brooch, turquoise and pearl bracelet, thick solid gold bangle, amethyst pendant, gold chain bag, gold fountain pen, gold links, gold watches, wristlet watches, quantities of cut glass, innumerable silver articles, two pianos, gramophone, sewing machine, typewriter, clocks, incubators, devices of pictures, carous and fancy goods and also several hundred war bonds.

The "Police Reserve Gazette."

The April number of the Police Reserve Gazette is to hand, and, like its predecessors, contains a store of excellent light reading of the type which has filled its pages before and helped to make the little journal so deservedly popular. The cartoon by Lieut. Millington, giving the fourth exploit of P. C. Paddenhead, the unfortunate policeman of the Force, is genuinely funny. Acrostic and Traps by A. M. Fanstion (Mora Eyedropping at the Alexandra Gun Club). Recalling the Past, An Interview with the Editor, by Markes, and some splendid lines entitled "In Safety" by O. B. B. are some of the splendid features contained in the number, in addition to which there are many interesting Corps matters.

CANTON BRITISH WAR CONTRIBUTIONS.

A further sum of \$540, subscribed by British Residents in Canton, has been remitted to London during February, March and April as undernoted:—
Banded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel (St. Daniel's) ... \$100
Blue Cross Fund ... 19
British Red Cross Society ... 40
Lord Roberts Memorial Fund ... 50
Officers' Families Fund ... 50
Prisoners of War Fund ... 200
Royal Flying Corps Hospital ... 40
Sailors' Widows & Orphans Fund ... 50
Total ... \$540

\$200 was also transferred to British Red Cross Local Workers. Copies of the circular issued by the Committee with regard to War Contributions can be obtained from the undersigned to whom further donations & subscriptions should be sent.
D. Forbes, Hon. Treasurer,
c/o Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Canton.

The following is a list of the subscribers for the past 3 months:

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Ball F.N.	...	75
Burns G.	...	30
Barker G.H.	...	64.80
Bray Rev. A.H.	...	15
Canton Club	...	32
Chong Derby	...	15
Charrington E.C.	...	30
O.	...	75
Cooney J.E.B.	...	15
Craig A.H.	...	80
Crocker J.H.	...	515
Darby O.W.	...	150
Dart H.F.	...	20
Ellis H.	...	150
Ford H.T.	...	120
Forbes D.	...	238.95
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Giff Rev. C.	...	15
Hari H.P.	...	30
Herb F.O.	...	60
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Smith E.H.	...	\$10
Sates W.G.	...	40
Tape Rev. Gao	...	30
E.O.T.	...	60
Vassina F.P.	...	50
Watson C.E.	...	30
White R.J.	...	30
Wilson A.G.	...	30
Wood E.M.	...	60

\$10 and \$3,734.49

Spotted Fever.

For the forty-eight hours ending April 15, 10 cases of spotted fever were notified. Three were from the City of Victoria and seven from other districts. There were six deaths. All the sufferers were Chinese.

Stones on the Peak Tram Line.

A Chinese youth at the Police Court to-day was charged with placing stones on the Peak tram lines yesterday. Mr. Smirk, tram inspector, said that about 3.30 p.m. yesterday when the tram reached Macdonald Road bridge defendant and some other boys were seen placing stones on the tram lines. The car went over the stones. The car coiled about at the boys and they ran away. Witness jumped off the car and chased the boys and eventually arrested defendant near the pumping station in Garden Road. Defendant pleaded to be set free, but witness took him to the Station. Defendant said the other boys played the stones: he did not. The Magistrate said that defendant was a young scoundrel and sentenced him to ten strokes of the birch.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

The Annual Athletic Sports.

There was quite a large attendance at the Polo Ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon, when the annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College were held. The weather proved exceedingly fine, and the proceedings were witnessed by the band of the 18th Infantry.

At the conclusion of the events Mrs. S. W. Teo presented the prizes.

The following were the results:—

Senior Long Jump:—1, Chin Kwan Yee, 6 ft. 11 in.; 2, Woo Yick Chi; 3, Ng Hong Tai.
Small Boys 100 yds:—1, Chan Man Wa; 2, Lam Ping Leung; 3, Lam Yan Leung.
Senior 100 yds:—1, Teoi Wa Fung; 2, Ng Hong Tai; 3, Chin Kwong Yan.
Junior 100 yds:—1, He Wong Chan; 2, Ko Wan Hop; 3, Ip Po San.
Senior High Jump:—1, Ho Ka Lau, 4 ft. 9 in.; 2, Woo Yick Chi; 3, Chin Kwong Yan.
Junior High Jump:—1, Ko Wan Hop, 4 ft. 8 1/2 in.; 2, Ma Wing Chan; 3, Fung Po Hon.
Staff Race:—1, G. Rowen; 2, A. Rowan.
Senior 220 yds:—1, T. C. Wong; 2, 25 3/5 sec; 2, Ng Hong Tai; 3, Chin Kwong Yan.
Junior 220 yds:—1, Ng Wing Chan; 2, Ko Wan Hop; 3, Tai P. Siu.
Small Boys 300 yds:—1, Ma Hon Wing; 2, Leung Yat Chin; 3, Chan Man Wa.
Junior School 100 yds:—1, Lam Ying; 2, Fung Shin Sai; 3, Ng Shin Ki.
Junior School, 220 yds:—1, Liu Chun Wing; 2, Luk Ka Kwan; 3, Lung S. K. Hong.
Senior 1 mile:—1, Chin Kwong Yan; 2, Si Wa Fong; 3, Cheung Man To.
Junior 1 mile:—1, Si To Wan; 2, Cheung Sai Hung; 3, Chin Wing On.
Small Boys 220 yds:—1, Lam Yan Leung; 2, Lam Ping Leung; 3, Chan Man Wa.
Old Boys Race, 220 yds:—1, Ko Yan Cheong, Time 25 3/5 sec.; 2, Chan Man Woon; 3, Yew Po Hong.
Chinese Staff, 100 yds:—1, Ng Po Lan and Lok Yai, Time 16 sec.; 3, Lam Chit Wing.
Yammat Jan. School, 100 yds:—1, Wang Kwai; 2, Chan Wing Kwan; 3, Luk Wai Sing.
One Mile Cycle Race:—1, Ho Ka Lun, Time 4 min 24 3/5 sec.; 2, Leung Kai; 3, Cheung Koa Ping.
Three-legged Race:—1, Wo Yik Chi and Ho Hong Hin; 2, Li Chua Hung and Chue Hong Ning; 3, Teoi Wa Fong and Ng Hong Tai; 4, Cheung Sai Hung and Ho Hin Kam.
Sack Race:—1, Bong Joon Kin; 2, Leung Kwok King; 3, Lok Ping Nam; 4, Cheung Shue Eui.
Kindergarten Boys Race:—1, Chan Ia Tong; 2, Jack Lam; 3, Su Po Wai.
Kindergarten Girls Race:—1, Fung Kam Wa; 2, Lau Yuet Ngor; 3, Lam Yuet Kwai; 4, Yeung Yuen Ue; 5, Chan Mei Lan; 6, Lau Hoy Yin.
Consolation Race:—1, Ho Hin Kan; 2, Cheung Wing Heung; 3, Li Kai Yue.
Team Race:—1, V.A.; 2, V.I.; 3, U.P.V.
Tug of War:—1, Commercial Class; 2, Class Up IV. A.
220 yards handicap:—1, Lam Ping Leung, Time 24 1/2 sec.; 2, Bang Chung Hin; 3, Lok Ping Nam.
Senior, 1 mile:—1, Chin Kwong Yan, Time 2.23 4/5 sec.; 3, Cheung Man To.

In Possession of Opium.

A Chinese pleaded guilty at the Police Court to-day, when charged with attempting to export 34 taels of Government opium without a permit. It was stated by defendant's solicitor, Mr. Hall, that the defendant had no intention whatever of exporting the opium. He merely bought the opium for a commercial traveller on board the steamer where he was employed. Evidence of the arrest was given by a Jukong who said the opium was found in defendant's girdle. Defendant was fined \$200 or three months' hard labour.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The soldiers in the train were playing a game they called "pontoon" writes a correspondent to a Home paper. I have not played it for years and I did not recognize it, but looked on in anticipation of a new game evolved during the war. Then there seemed something familiar about the way the men drew the cards from the pack. They would draw two or three in succession, sometimes raising by the transaction and at others going too far and collapsing. Eighteen, nineteen, or twenty pipe in a hand appeared to be a cause of satisfaction, attempts to get more ending usually in regret. At last one hand tottered 21, when another player exclaimed, "You've got pontoon," and the mystery was cleared up. "Pontoon" is our old friend "ring-in" in a new guise. Though this particular instance is new, the principle underlying the change from "r" to "p" are as old as the hills. The modification of a non-understood word into one which is understood, and which also resembles it in sound, is a process which is always going on. The mutation of a consonant is, as a rule, a much slower thing, and usually it goes by euphony or by likeness along regular lines. In this case both influences have been at work. "Pontoon" would have been a slightly easier mutation, but no such word is known to us, and "Pontoon" comes near enough.

There is something fatally easy about the mutation of labial consonants above all others, and they seem to suffer in all languages, even whilst the words are alive and vigorous, and not only when they are passed into a foreign tongue. A Portuguese peasant, for example, is as likely to say "voma binhos" as "bomas vinhos" though the latter is the right expression, for "good wines." Things are even worse in Welsh, initial consonants being freely mutated, with full sanction of the rules of grammar, for the sake of euphony alone, apparently. English does not take to these changes quite so readily, but we are not infallible. Let anyone say "hab a vauans" half a dozen times in quick succession, and then immediately try to do the same with the original words. Truly it is not always easy to keep one's lips from slipping!

Various plans have been proposed for utilising the labour of German prisoners, but as yet nobody has suggested a scheme similar to one which the enemy himself seems to be carrying out. It is reported on good authority in the American press that in Germany several thousand women—selected for their youth, energy, and attractiveness—are learning the Russian language at this time. Their tutors are Russian prisoners, who are compelled to give them lessons. These students are intended to pursue, after the war, the occupation of travelling saleswomen to capture the Russian markets, and descriptive catalogues of German goods are already being prepared in the Russian language for their use in that capacity.

What is said to be the most valuable tree in the world from a productive standpoint is the Gator avocado or alligator pear, near Whittier, California. Its average revenue to the owner is \$3,000 a year. At one time it was insured in Lloyd's for \$30,000, but the company insisted that a high lattice fence be built about it to avert any damage from wind or carelessness, and it was feared that this might interfere with the health of the valuable producer, and two years ago the lattice work was removed, causing a cancellation of the insurance policy. Other alligator pear trees in Southern California produce large returns, but none so far has rivalled the Gator tree the fruit from which sell at from 50 cents to \$1 each.

Major W. R. McBain.

News has been received from Salonica that Capt. W. R. McBain, (Shanghai) who was recently awarded the Military Cross, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Royal Flying Corps.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.

(VERBATIM).

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., this morning. The Hon. Mr. David Landale presided, and there were also present, Sir Paul Chater, G.M.G., the Rev. Father Robert, (Consulting Committee), Mr. R. M. Austin (Secretary), and Messrs. Ho Fook, H. J. Geddes, H. W. Lockyer, C. Bealwick, A. B. Stewart, P. Tod, D. G. M. Bernard, and Lo Cheung-shui, (Shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as it is past the time for which this meeting is called and as there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary have read the notice.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, at the annual general meeting of this Company on the 27th March last I stated that your General Managers had been approached by the Dairy Farm Company with a view to their acquiring the business and undertaking of this Company. A letter setting forth the main terms of the Provisional Agreement with the Dairy Farm Co., entered into by your General Managers has been duly circulated to all shareholders with the notice calling this meeting. Such terms provide for the acquisition of the undertaking and business of this Company in return for the issue to shareholders of eight shares of the Dairy Farm Co., of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid in respect of each share in this Company. It is proposed that our business be taken over from the 1st January last and that the accounts of the working of the two Companies be kept separate until the 31st July next. Provided the profits made by such working justify such a course an interim dividend equal to the interim dividend of \$2 per share which has been paid for the last 3 years will then be paid in respect of the Dairy Farm shares to be issued to shareholders of this Company. After the 31st July the accounts of both businesses will be combined and the profits divided among shareholders in the Dairy Farm Company of which the proposed future name is the "The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd." It is also a part of the arrangement that your General Managers shall receive 2,000 shares in the Dairy Farm Company of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up in consideration of certain restrictive covenants entered into by them and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office. The Dairy Farm Co.'s offer has been carefully considered by your General Managers and Consulting Committee, who are of the opinion that such an amalgamation will be to the interest of the shareholders and recommend that they authorize the proposal. If the amalgamation meets with your approval it will be necessary for the Company to be wound up voluntarily to enable the scheme to be carried out. This will not however involve any disturbance of the business since the Dairy Farm Co., will carry on the business of this Company after the resolutions approving the amalgamation have been confirmed at another Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in due course. I now beg to propose the first resolution, which will be open for discussion after it has been seconded. The first resolution is:—

"That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company Limited and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up."

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second that resolution.

The Chairman:—The resolution which you have just heard read has been proposed by myself and seconded by Sir Paul Chater and is now before the meeting for discussion. As no shareholder has any remarks to make I will

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Some Interesting Opening Play.

Yesterday saw the opening of the annual tennis tournament under the auspices of the Hongkong Cricket Club, when some very interesting games were witnessed. Judging by the good number of spectators the progress of the various competitions will excite as much interest as formerly, and the large entry this year should make the tournament of more than usual attractiveness. The courts are in really splendid condition just now.

In the Open Championship singles, the Rev. Cooper Hunt met Sergeant Major Jewsbury, and after a match that was full of good play, defeated him by 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. There was another match in the same competition decided, this being between N. E. Kent and S. H. Crook, Kent having by far the better of matters, although Crook played really splendidly at times. The final scores were; Kent, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

A large crowd watched the match in the Championship Doubles between M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo, who met and defeated Capt. Milner Jones and R. W. Gory. The match was exceedingly well fought, as is shown by the fact that the first set went to 10-8 before the brothers Lo gained it. The next two sets also went in their favour, the match score reading, 10-8, 6-3, 6-1.

The other results of yesterday's play were:—

Handicap Singles "B": F. Bivington (res. 1/8) beat A. C. Paymaster Wright (res. 1/8) 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles: Major Ardoino and J. Jennings (ows 4/6) beat Paymaster C. G. E. Robinson and Surg. Parker (res. 4/6) 6-4, 6-1.

J. M. Sesters and O. Winkler started play in the Singles Handicap "A", but owing to the darkness the match had to be abandoned with the scores one set all and nine games all in the third set.

For to-day there are several interesting matches arranged, whilst there are no less than seven fixed for to-morrow evening.

put the resolution to the meeting. These in favour please signify in the usual way. Against? Carried unanimously. I now beg to propose the second resolution:—"That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 52,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of \$7.50 each of that Company for each share of \$25 each of this Company) and of the issue by the Dairy Farm Company Limited to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonuses as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 2,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up be and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorized pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification thereof or other the execution thereof as the said Liquidators may think expedient."

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CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—

An official report states that Tin Pok city has been re-occupied by Canton troops and that Li Ka Fan, one of General Lung's commanders and a few officers with 100 soldiers were made prisoner. Another report stated that a certain military official in the city garrison has secretly communicated with the commander of the Canton troops to the effect that he would raise fire in the city as a signal for them to attack. The city fell accordingly.

The commander of the 5th regiment has reported that he is now going to attack Man Ming and Fa Chow cities in order to turn out Lung's troops from the west.

The commanders of the south-west troops, at present in Hunan, have jointly requested that the Military Government in Kwangtung should be immediately reorganized into a Union Military Government of the South-west. This Dr. Sun does not favour. During a meeting of the Special Parliament held with regard to this question, a letter, purported as being from the Union Citizens Society was sent in, threatening to make war on members of Parliament if they pass the resolution.

More than a hundred officers have been sent by the Financial Department to the various cities of the provinces to demand with strong measures the field tax due to the government by the farmers.

A report states that Luk Wing Ting has died of vomiting blood. Another report states that Tsoi Chung-Wa, one of Lung Chai-kwong's commanders, was captured in Amoy after arriving there in a Japanese steamer from Hongkong, and has been shot, but both reports lack confirmation as they are from different sources.

Chang King-ming, Commander in Chief in Waishow and Swatow, has dispatched two battalions with engineer corps to guard the positions north of Waishow, and in order to build more than ten forts there to prevent the Northern Troops south of Hunan from crossing the boundary.

The Defense Commissioner in Swatow has reported that the Japanese Consul there has demanded \$5,000,—as indemnity for damages suffered by the Japanese merchants during the recent troubles in Chinchow.

The questions of reorganizing the Military Government into a Union Military Government of South and East has been passed at a Special Parliament meeting by a majority of 50 against 10. The Tuchun and the Navy Bureau have agreed to this alteration. Luk Wing Ting and the authorities of other provinces have previously supported this step, but Dr. Sun has refused to express his opinion until he had consulted with Luk Wing Ting personally, and also has declared that he might give up his concern to any form of government provided the money he had spent for the interest of the South-east provinces is refunded. He declares he would then leave Canton.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, O.B.E., state:—

Sanitary Department Officers.

Reference Orders of March 6th and 7th, Police Reservists who are also members of the Sanitary Department will now report for full duty.

Service Rifles.

The following will report in uniform at Central Armory at 5.15 p.m. sharp, on Friday next, April 19th, and return their R.F. 493 Perry, 714 Hunter, 648 Silva, 763 Tully, 689 Haasan, 821 Uau, 833 Sintra, Trooper Hedge.

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THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Dairy Farm Company Limited will be held at the Company's office, No. 2 Lower Albert Road Victoria in the colony of Hongkong on TUESDAY the 7th day of May 1918 at 12 o'clock noon when the following resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased to \$855,000 by the creation of 34,000 new shares of \$7.50 each and that the directors be authorized to issue and allot such new shares in accordance with the terms of the Agreement dated the 26th day of March 1918 made between the Hongkong Ice Company Limited of the one part and this Company of the other part."

And the following resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 15th day of April 1918 will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions:—

1. "That the new Articles contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

2. "That the name of the Company be changed to 'The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited.' Dated the 16th day of April, 1918.

By Order of the Board,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.



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DOCTRINE OF THE FUTURE LIFE.

6. The "Many Mansions."

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday Morning.

"The forces have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." Matt. 23/20.

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you; for I go to prepare place for you." John 14/2.

In the second of these sayings our Saviour by implication appeals to a feature in His method with men which is illustrated in the first.

It had never been His habit to withhold the truth, and if His departure to the Father's house had meant a withdrawal to a sphere so remote and lofty that a sinful man would be for ever parted from Him, He would have given them warning. If the beyond to which He was going was but a void where the disembodied vaguely wander; if the curtain of death, then about to fall, were to shut out the human heart from the light and hope which it cannot cease to long for; if, in short, death were to be the final end of all we strive and pray for when at any time the best that is in us comes uppermost, then we should have had notice. A life of candour and plain dealing lay behind the reminder "If it were not so I would have told you." Never did He allude to a single soul by specious promises, but many a seemingly promising recruit had He tested too high by hard conditions. Popularity and power He could have gained any day by breathing a flattering tale to current hopes, but instead He seemed to try how difficult He could make it for any to attach themselves to Him in a way which would involve them in His destiny.

"Master," said one to Him, "I will follow thee whosoever thou goest." "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head," was the reply. Homeless and disinherited was He in this world of ours, and those who chose Him must take Him on those terms for this world. If the world beyond His lot was to be the same, and theirs with Him, would He not have told them? Trustworthy in His forewarnings, let Him be believed in His assurances. Beyond the veil of death and satisfaction awaited Him. It was home to Him and He would make it home to them also, the Father's house where was the firstborn among many brethren.

"Let not your heart be troubled"—it was an extension of His earlier charge, "be not anxious for the morrow." Trust the Father from day to day, and do not cease to trust also for the day which has no ending.

"Looked ye anything?" He asked them when the end drew near, referring to the time when He sent them forth without purse or scrip or shoes. To that they answered, "Nothing," and was it to be supposed that in the further stage of the great adventure they would find themselves deserted and unprovided? In the Father's house there is bread enough and to spare; there is the welcome which makes it home; above all there is not an elder brother who stands outside, moody and grudging, but one with hands extended, and inviting words of grace, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you."

Our Saviour's words here are as simple as words can be. They are purposely adopted to the needs of disciples whom He speaks of in the tenderness of these last hours as His little children. Yet the thoughts suggested by these simple words are profound, quite incomprehensible and inexhaustible.

The resources of speech and of imagination will never bring before the mind of man any conception of perfected life higher than that given here—the life of the Father's house on high, life in the home of God, home to the Christian because Christ is there, with "many mansions" suited to many needs and natures but making one commonwealth of light and love, the city of the Great King.

A review which was referred to in last Sunday's sermon gives an extract from an essay by the Rev. Canon Streeter on the life to come. The writer says that present day indifference to that life is mainly caused by representations of its nature which are unattractive to the modern mind.

"The heaven," he says, "of Sunday School teaching and popular hymnology is a place which the plain man does not believe to exist, and which he would not want to go to if it did."

That type of criticism is often heard, to what extent justified might be hard to say. It seems to pass for smart, though the flavour of the chestnut pervades it, and though it is about time to drop the silly habit of fastening on the crude available representations of Christian things in order to justify one's indifference. But speaking as a plain man, I don't quite see why superior persons should be so fond of exercising their superciliousness upon the Sunday School.

"Have ye never read that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings God hath perfected praise?"

Tom Hood has a line or two which finds an echo in the heart of not a few plain men as they look back on early days:—

"It was a childish ignorance, But now 'tis little joy To know I'm farther off from heaven Than when I was a boy."

As for the popular hymns if these are so far off the line, why are they popular? After all, plain folk must be the majority, and if they do sing "For ever with the Lord" or even "Jerusalem the Golden" with a something which does not get into the ballads of the hour or even the national anthems, it may, one thinks, be humbly put down to their credit. We plain people have a habit of letting Christian hopes of heaven creep into our popular song, not to speak of hymns.

And we are by no means at our worst when we sing, with Lady Nairn, of the Land o' the Leal, or exult, with Dibdin, that though the body of poor Tom Bowling is under hatches his soul has gone aloft. I sometimes wonder if the wise and clever people who seem to be in mortal fear of a touch of sentiment on this subject have ever looked into a body's coffin or watched the dead dust of a loved comrade lowered into the deep.

To be sure there is a mawkishness about certain hymns, as also a good many drawing room songs, but their popularity, such as it is, does not last. Still when all is said, we do hear a good deal of demure one way or another to a certain notion of future bliss which seems to have its root in a misreading of the figurative language of the book of Revelation, whence it is derived, by a quite unwarranted literalism, the conception of a stilted, staid, monotonous heaven, doped out with gold and jewels, limited by four walls, and offering no occupation but hymn singing to all eternity. Now, as a plain man, I like to think that our tribe is not wholly devoid of sense, and does not need to have it explained every time heaven is mentioned that these representations are partial and figurative, that whatever the conditions and employments of the better world may be they will be free from insanity and monotony, and that God, who has created our wonderful and varied human nature, with its fathomless longings, and boundless capacities, will provide for their enlargement and satisfaction at His own right hand, where there are "pleasures for evermore."

"Many Mansions" in itself, is an expression which suggests variety, abiding-places where the plain man of all sorts and conditions, like the disciples and ourselves will find a basis for our best, and abundant scope for the utmost we can think, do, and become to our maker's glory. The Master employs many different similitudes in speaking of the Heavenly Kingdom. For instance, it is a large realm into which gather many from east, west, north and south. It is, again, a social banquet at which the united household sits, or a wedding feast to which guests are bidden. Also it has its active employment—the faithful servant being welcomed into the joy his lord and given authority to

be entrusted over many cities. Again, it is a safe treasure house, secure from moth, rust or thief, in which even now we may lay up a store. It is even—dare one hint it in the bustling 20th century?—a rest for the weary and a refuge for the overdriven, where Lazarus is comforted in Abraham's bosom.

This idea of repose, frequent in the Bible, appears to rouse extra ordinary resentment in many of us to-day, because we quite gratuitously identify it with idleness. Mr. Chesterton somewhere says that our comfortable generation has invented a heaven which is full of bustle and business, and adds the penetrating remark that only a comfortable generation could have done so. Comfortable it may be for many, but there are millions who have a smudge of understanding sympathy in reading the quaint epitaph of a simple, overworked soul. May I quote it?

"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired, For she lived in a world where too much was required; But now that I've crossed the last rolling river, I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."

Poor, humble overtoiled soul to whom it would be heaven just to do nothing for a while! Be sure there is a place in the many mansions for the like of her, and you, who can't be happy unless you are stirring around, shall have your corner too, so far from hers that you won't disturb her.

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God." To some it will be rest from their own restlessness, a trace to the unpeaceful pragmatism which is so multifariously active that it accomplishes nothing, and of course has no time to grow. To all it will be security, a cessation of excursions and alarms, an end to fatigue and overstrain. But of course that is not mere vacancy and objectless handfolding. God's servants, we are told, serve Him day and night in His temple, and whatever those blessed ministrations may be they will suffice to fill eternity with interest and occupation.

A further idea, not easy to put into words, seems to be suggested in the Lord's saying, "I go to prepare a place for you." The heavenly sphere itself does not seem to be in a condition of fixity and finishedness. The holy city is one whose builder and maker is God, and whilst all God's works are perfect, that is not to say they are in a state of fixed finality. The world we now inhabit was not made in a day nor in an age. It is the product of many ages of creative activity, and is in the making still.

A process of what scientific people call "concurrent adaptation" has been going on for millenniums, the earth becoming more fitted for man and man for his surroundings. There is room also in the spiritual world for ever advancing manifestations of Divine power and goodness, as more and more can be unveiled to the growing comprehension of men and angels of the inexhaustible fulness of Him whose glory filleth all in all.

The heaven of which men sometimes think they might grow weary would be like nothing else which God has made—a static condition from which development is banished, whose boundaries could be defined, whose factors should remain in a state of fixity incapable of unfolding from good to better in fresh revelations of Divine love and benediction.

And we also shall be changed, and shall go on being changed, we plain men saved by grace, changed from glory to glory, having our experience in that happy process of concurrent adaptation which will not exhaust eternity. We shall be free from sin, which here we are not. But we shall not cease to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. That is what at the bottom of our hearts we really want, we plain men, though we might not seem to have much heavenly-mindedness.

We may not climb very rapidly in the footsteps of the saints, but we do lift up our eyes to the hills sometimes, and put out our human hands to meet the heavenly one, pierced, which stretches down to help us. Right at the deep heart of things heaven means holiness in the thinking of the plain man. He knows it would be no

YACHTING.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The races for the "Daphne Cup" and "Dawn Cup" were sailed off on Saturday last and resulted as follows:—

One Design Class.
Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark boat on Starting Line (P), Channel Rock (P), Kowloon Rock (P). Distance:—8½ Miles.

Yacht	Heap on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Aileen	Scratch	D.N.F.	
*Bonita	"	6.21.09	6.21.09
Halcyon	"	D.N.F.	
*Winner of the "Daphne Cup"			

Handicap Class.
Course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rocks (P), Mark boat on Starting Line. Distance:—4.26 Miles.

Yacht	Heap on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Lybeth	Scratch	5.29.14	5.29.14
*Lady Ursula	"	5.26.54	5.26.54
Gael	"	.05 D.N.F.	
Dorothy	"	.05 D.N.F.	
Toinette	"	.05 D.N.F.	
Asthore	"	.05 D.N.F.	
*Winner of the "Dawn Cup"			

The Race for the "Niche Cup" for Chinese Rigged Cruisers was sailed off on Sunday and resulted as follows:—

Course:—North Fairway Buoy (S), Stonecutters Island (S), Trocas Rock (S), Out Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Lyemun Beacon (S). Distance:—14 Miles.

Yacht	Heap on Course	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Lady Jess	Scr.	D.N.F.	
Ononoe	"	20.44.10	4.42.30
*Dorothy II	"	40.23.14	4.18.54
*Winner of the "Niche Cup"			

The race for the Diana cup will be re-sailed on Saturday, 20th inst.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending April 13, 1918:—

	Receipts for week	Aggregate for 15 weeks
This Year:—	\$10,380	292,551
Last Year:—	11,479	200,548
Increase:—		2,085
Decrease:—	699	

happiness to be where Christ is unless one have the mind of Christ, and his conception of eternal salvation is being delivered from sin and brought into harmony with the Lord—a work so great that he knows it is quite beyond him until he looks away to the Cross where the Lord who loved us bore our sins in his own body up to the tree, and then it becomes conceivable that

"The Sons of ignorance and night May dwell in the eternal light, Through the eternal Love."

That there will be full and growing satisfaction for every varied capacity of our wonderful human nature in that perfect world we must and should believe. Christians always have believed it. Isaac Watts knows as much about 200 years ago as the latest prophets of "higher thought" who think she invented the notion the day before yesterday:—

"Then shall I see and hear and know All desired or wished below, And every power find sweet employ In that eternal world of joy."

But it would be worth nothing unless the human heart itself be purified and redeemed. So, if the alleged impatience of the modern mind with the Christian thought of heaven means in any degree that we of to-day are really not interested in holiness, that we do not long and aspire to be made like the Lord, then it were well we repeat and turn and become as little children, for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.

"AMAZING" BRITISH AIRMEN.

Stories of Fights Against Odds.

The special correspondent of the Times wrote from Headquarters in France on February 20:—

The official communiques have reported daily the extraordinary number of enemy machines which have been brought down, no fewer than 48 German aeroplanes having been indisputably shot down and smashed in the four days from February 16 to 19 inclusive. Besides these, at least 50 others have been forced down—what is technically known as "out of control."

Probably never before have our airmen had so busy and so successful a time in observation and photography as during these four days. Never before has their work been so invaluable to the guns, and the daily record of destructive shots by our artillery on enemy battery positions and similar objectives has been prodigious, great numbers of guns having been hit, pits damaged or destroyed, and ammunition dumps exploded.

As for bombing, the Germans have had a bad time. They, of course, have also been, according to their standards, very active, but we have dropped roughly five times as many bombs as they have, and, as always, there is the enormous difference that the Germans have done their bombing almost entirely by night. The amount of bombing that they have done by day has been insignificant. Perhaps the magnitude of what has been going on will be best conveyed to you by saying that, in the course of the month, for every bomb dropped on London in an average raid there have been about 1,000 dropped by us on enemy points behind the German lines.

In the air fighting the outstanding feature is the continuous gallantry and audacity of our pilots. The Germans also have gallant airmen, but, as in the Navy, the Flying Corps, has established the tradition of attacking whenever possible, and again and again our men do things which almost conjure up remembrance of the Mary Rose. It is impossible not to admire and glory in the way our flying men take on all manner of odds.

To take performances of individual pilots, there is the case of one whom we may call Captain X. He fell in with an enemy patrol, and, immediately attacking, fired into one machine, which turned over on its back and spun down out of control. Then he turned his attention to another and, after he had fired 200 rounds into it, it suddenly went into a spin and crashed. Next day the same Captain X, being out with two other machines, fell in with a party of four of the enemy, and promptly shot down one of them. The others fled, so, to make full measure that day, he destroyed a German balloon. On the next day, February 18, he again went out and found and shot down an enemy. So in three days he had four enemy aeroplanes and one balloon to his credit.

Here is another, even more astonishing performance, achieved by Captain Y. He really got five enemy machines in one day. Three were shot down out of one patrol that he met with. So unerring was his shooting that the first one he attacked simply went all to pieces in the air, and dropped in fragments. The second did almost the same, for it folded up like a dead rose, and all its four wings dropped off like faded petals. The third went roaring down to earth in flames. Later in the day he also drove down two others, one not crashing, but only out of control, and the second also not visibly crashing, but seen by other pilots to break into flames when close to the ground. On the next day, February 18, he met a single enemy and chased it down from 12,000 feet to less than 1,000, when it turned over and crashed. On the 17th he was out again and met two enemy triplanes, so he attacked at once. One bolted as he went for it, so he turned to the other, and after a short fight the enemy machine suddenly slipped, then dived, and spun slowly down to the ground. In

HONGKONG BOY KILLED.

Death of Second Lieut. R. D. Lammert.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Second Lieut. R. D. Lammert, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Lammert, of Hongkong, which took place whilst serving with the Gloucester Regiment in France on March 23.

On Good Friday Mr. and Mrs. Lammert received cable news from the War Office that their son was reported missing, and to-day a telegram has been received to the effect that the War Office deeply regrets to inform them that Second Lieut. Lammert was killed in action, on March 23.

The deceased, who was a Hongkong boy, received his early education at Weihaiwei, later proceeding to All Hallows College, Hoxton, Devon. At the conclusion of his schooling he went to St. John's College, Oxford, in the Officers' Cadets, receiving his commission on January 25, and proceeding straight to the front with the Gloucesters. He had been serving in France for over a year, and was only 20 years old. The greatest sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lammert in their sad bereavement.

Returned from Furlough.

The Rev. J. Wallace Wilson has returned to Hankow from a year and a half's furlough quite restored in health. We are glad to welcome back one of the old China hands, and one who was greatly missed when he left—Central China Post.

The Chinese in Vladivostok.

In view of the distressed condition of Chinese in Vladivostok, resulting from Bolshevik outrages, Mr. Shen Tan-ho of the Chinese Red Cross Society has already sent several officers to Vladivostok by the O. M. S. Lincolnia to endeavour to rescue them.

all, therefore, Captain Y got six, and probably seven enemies in three days.

The Germans, by the way, are much increasing the number of triplanes which they use. It is a compliment to us, because we had them first, and if they had not proved themselves annoying and formidable adversaries the Germans would hardly now be copying them as lavishly as they are.

A case where odds were reversed, which has its humorous aspect, was when two of our machines went for one enemy. The guns of both our aeroplanes got jammed, so they were unable to fire, but they hunted the enemy (who still had his gun), and forced him down to the ground like a bird before a hawk. The odds were right, however, with Lieutenant Z, who after he had met a big German machine and shot it down, was attacked by a party of five enemy scouts. The German leader dived for Lieutenant Z, but the latter dodged and got above him, and then in turn dived for his attack. The German fled straight down, and Z went after him, shooting as he went, until the flying enemy burst into flames and crashed. The remaining four scouts, who had seen their leader's defeat, now came for Lieutenant Z in bunch, dropping on him from above. He dropped also till nearly touching the ground; then, "contour chasing" as it is called (that is, skimming so close that you rise and dip with each contour of the ground), got safely home, the four giving up the pursuit when coming near the lines.

One could go on thus quoting stories not much dissimilar, through all the letters of the alphabet. When the next spell of clear weather comes in it may be A, B, and C who have the luck and opportunity, and they will bear themselves just as gallantly as could X, Y, or Z. Our flying men are astonishing lot.

FIGHTING PREMIER OF FRANCE.

Talk with M. Clemenceau.

The most effective tonic against war weariness that I have discovered here is a talk with M. Clemenceau, writes Mr. A. M. Thompson from Paris.

The French Premier is not young, like the Danton of the statue in the Boulevard St. Germain. Neither is the little figure under the black skull cap an heroic model of splendid energy like the Gambetta of the Place du Carrousel. But his patriotic fire that burned in the breasts of the two great orators of the First and Third Republic burns just as ardently to-day in Clemenceau.

In him you shall find no sign of discouragement or defeatism. He is as keen as on the first day of the war, and much more confident of victory.

When I asked him whether the men seemed tired when he visited them of late in the Alsatian trenches his swollen eyes kindled under his bushy eyebrows. "Tired?" he repeated. "Mais naturellement they are tired—of bad weather and discomfort. But if you ask me whether they are disposed to give in, I can assure you positively that they are not. Their fighting spirit is never better. They expect another German offensive, but they are absolutely certain of the result: 'The Boches did not pass in Champagne, they did not pass at Verdun, and wherever they attack now it is as passers-by.' That is the universal sentiment."

"When I asked whether they found the conditions of their daily life intolerable," continued M. Clemenceau, "they answered cheerfully that the conditions were not too good, nor yet altogether too bad. Only once did I hear a man complain that he for his part had had enough of it; and he was cooking the soup in a canteen far behind the fighting line. I assured him that I had seen men in worse places. 'Yes,' he growled, nodding his head, 'that also is very true.'"

In one Alsatian village M. Clemenceau noticed a wounded soldier wearing the Croix de la Guerre and the Medaille Militaire. He went up to him and asked where he was wounded. "In thirteen places," replied the man. He had, appeared, done some fresh prodigy of valour and been terribly mangled in the process. M. Clemenceau thereupon decorated him with the Legion of Honour.

Afterwards it occurred to the Premier that a dare-devil of that sort might have a bad record in the matter of discipline. He inquired, and found that on the occasion of his previous decoration the man had received along with it a sentence of 60 days' imprisonment. When everything had been prepared for the ceremony, and the general and staff had assembled to compliment and reward the hero to the function, the latter was found to have disappeared. Subsequently captured and examined, the man stated that he did not like the general who was to present the medal. Pretext to decline his objection, the poet's defiance that the general had once spoken rather disparagingly of the south of France. "And as I come from the south," explained the gallant mutineer, "naturally I wasn't going to take a medal from him."

Here, in telling me the story, M. Clemenceau's humorous eyes twinkled. "That's the type of our heroes. A great deal more independence and character in them than ambition or bravado, isn't it?"

Those laughing eyes under the bushy eyebrows betray the secret of M. Clemenceau's greatness, and, perhaps, of the bounding life that exerts among some of his friends. There is clear, humorous perception in them; but there is a mocking devil there too, a very French, Voltairean irony, that M. Clemenceau has also. "You see, never venomous—just, my word, it has a sting!"

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The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Force), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Persia, French Somal Coast, Italian Somal Coast, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

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WEATHER REPORT.

April 16th, 11h. 45m.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased considerably over N. China, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has moved eastward, and a depression is indicated over S. Manchuria; an area of relatively high pressure covers S. China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 3.23 inch against an average of 8.64 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
3 South coast of China bet. H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China bet. H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
Vietnam	6a	29.78	59	85	30	0	0
Yamoo	5a						
Hakodate							
Tokyo							
Kobe							
Nagasaki							
Osaka							
Naha							
Shanghai							
Amoy							
Swatow							
Yokohama							
Manila							
Cebu							
Colon							
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London							
Paris							
Bombay							
Calcutta							
Rangoon							
Singapore							
Batavia							
Sourabaya							
Medan							
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OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Haiphong—17th April, 9 a.m.

Philippine Is., Australia, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—17th April, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Japan via Miji—17th April, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 18th April.

Tientsin—18th April, 11 a.m.

Hankow—18th April, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 19th April.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—19th April, Noon.

Philippine Islands—19th April, 2 p.m.

Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin—19th April, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 20th April.

Philippine Is., Canada, United States Central & South America & Europe via Victoria—20th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—20th April, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 21st April.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Keelung—21st April, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 23rd April.

Shanghai and North China—23rd April, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24th April.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe, Hong Kong, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco—24th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 25th April.

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow via T. Kao and Aring—25th April, 7 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—25th April, 2 p.m.

SAURDAY, 27th April.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via N. Korea, Hong Kong, Canada, United States, Central & South America & Europe via San Francisco—27th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, 29th April.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Europe, Canada, via Victoria, United States, Central and South America via Seattle—29th April, Registration 11.45 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	29.96	30.01	29.96
Temperature	69	62	75
Humidity	63	65	57
Wind Direction	E	E	W
Force	3	3	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recent spot air temperature on the 15th	75	75	75
Lowest	62	62	62

H.K. Observatory, Apr. 16, 1918.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 15th Apr. to 21st Apr.

Time	High Water	Low Water
15th Apr.	10.15	4.15
16th Apr.	10.30	4.30
17th Apr.	10.45	4.45
18th Apr.	11.00	4.60
19th Apr.	11.15	4.75
20th Apr.	11.30	4.90
21st Apr.	11.45	5.05

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